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Our Docket: P-UW 4979

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Loeb et al.  
Serial No.: 09/972,834  
Filed: October 4, 2001  
For: THERMOSTABLE POLYMERASES  
HAVING ALTERED FIDELITY  
AND METHODS OF IDENTIFYING)  
AND USING SAME )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Official Action mailed on July 23, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$1,974.00 is enclosed,  
\$1,440.00 of which covers the fee for the four-month extension of  
time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-0370. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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